GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several national highway projects are lagging behind due to delay in acquisition of land and rehabilitation of affected people as reported in the Nav Bharat Times dated March 26, 2003;

(b) if so, the details of the States where these projects are lagging behind;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with the concerned State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps propose to be taken by the Government to ensure speedy implementation of the projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) Some of the highway projects in the following states have been delayed due to the problems faced in matter relating to pre-construction activity like Land Acquisition etc.

(i) Andhra Pradesh

(ii) Bihar

(iii) Jharkhand

(iv) Orissa

(v) Maharashtra

(vi) Karnataka

(vii) Tamil Nadu

(viii) Goa

(ix) Uttar Pradesh

(x) Nagaland

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter has been taken up with the various State Governments at various levels including the respective Chief Ministers.

(e) The following steps are taken to ensure speedy implementation of projects:

(i) Prompt decision making and faster payments.

(ii) Bonus for early completion and penalty for delays.

(iii) Use of state-of-the-art technology.

(iv) Lean officer oriented organisation tapping private sector efficiency by outsourcing project preparation, work supervision and maintenance.

(v) Periodic monitoring at various levels.

(vi) Constant liaison with State Governments at higher level to expedite pre-construction activities such as land acquisition, utility shifting.